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CONFIRMATION – THINGS TO KNOW, 2018-2019

The following pages contain the important prayers and concepts that each candidate **must** know prior to celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation in April.

BASIC PRAYERS *(Review from last year)*

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name: Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.



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MASS RESPONSES

Candidates need to know the essential responses (bold text) during each part of the Mass.

<i>Greeting:</i>	Priest:	The Lord be with you.	
	People:	And with your spirit.	
<i>After the Readings:</i>	Lector:	The Word of the Lord.	
	People:	Thanks be to God.	
<i>Gospel:</i>	Priest:	A reading from the Holy Gospel according to <u>N.</u>	
	People:	Glorify to you, O Lord.	
	Priest:	The Gospel of the Lord.	
	People:	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.	
<i>Preparation of the Gifts:</i>	Priest:	Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.	
	People:	May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.	
<i>Preface Dialogue:</i>	Priest:	The Lord be with you.	People: And with your spirit.
	Priest:	Lift up your hearts.	People: We lift them up to the Lord.
	Priest:	Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.	People: It is right and just.
<i>Lord's Prayer:</i>	Priest:	Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, ... at the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ.	
	People:	For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.	
<i>Sign of Peace:</i>	Priest:	The Peace of the Lord be with you always.	
	People:	And with your spirit.	
<i>Invitation to Communion:</i>	Priest:	Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.	
	People:	Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.	
<i>Final Blessing and dismissal:</i>	Priest:	The Lord be with you.	People: And with your spirit.
	Priest:	May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.	
	People:	Amen.	
	Priest:	Go forth, the Mass is ended.	
	People:	Thanks be to God.	



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ESSENTIAL CATHOLIC CONCEPTS

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the LORD's day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS

- You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength.
- You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

1. Baptism
2. Eucharist
3. Confirmation
4. Reconciliation
5. Anointing of the Sick
6. Holy Orders
7. Matrimony

THE FOUR MARKS OF THE CHURCH

1. One
2. Holy
3. Catholic
4. Apostolic

THE THREE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES

1. Faith
2. Hope
3. Love

THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES

1. Prudence
2. Justice
3. Fortitude
4. Temperance

THE SEVEN CAPITAL (deadly) SINS

1. Pride
2. Avarice
3. Lust
4. Anger
5. Gluttony
6. Envy
7. Sloth



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CONFIRMATION CONCEPTS

THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Wisdom – helps us to recognize the presence of God in all people, places, and things
2. Understanding – helps us to recognize God’s plan in our lives and how He wants us to live
3. Fortitude – helps us to be strong in our beliefs as Christians and choose what is right
4. Counsel – helps us to make good choices and differentiate between right and wrong
5. Knowledge – helps us to better understand what God tells us in Scripture and Tradition
6. Piety – helps us to develop a deep sense of respect for God and the Church
7. Fear of the Lord – helps us to be aware of the power, glory, and majesty of God

THE TWELVE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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| 1. Charity | 5. Kindness | 9. Faithfulness |
| 2. Joy | 6. Goodness | 10. Modesty |
| 3. Peace | 7. Generosity | 11. Self-control |
| 4. Patience | 8. Gentleness | 12. Chastity |

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT CONFIRMATION

- Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation. It completes the grace of Baptism by “sealing” and strengthening our union with Christ and deepening the gift of the Holy Spirit in us.
- Grace is the gift of God’s loving presence in our lives that enables us to share in God’s own divine life and love and helps us to remain close to Him.
- The Holy Spirit is God, the third person of the Blessed Trinity.
- Chrism is a perfumed olive oil used in Confirmation that has been consecrated by the bishop.
- The essential signs of Confirmation are the anointing with chrism and the laying on of hands.
- The bishop is the ordinary minister of Confirmation (the one who usually confirms us).
- Jesus first sent the Holy Spirit to the apostles at Pentecost. On Pentecost, the Church began.
- Confirmation is only celebrated once. It imparts a permanent sacramental character in us.
- Confirmation enables us to put our faith into words and actions as Christ calls us to do.

WORDS IN THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

- Bishop:* N., be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.
***Candidate:* Amen.**
Bishop: Peace be with you.
***Candidate:* And with your spirit.**